(a) which is the route finally fixed upon for constructing the "Vaniampara-Pazhayannur road; Vaniampara to Pazhayannur or Vaniampara to Chelakkara";

(b) will the work be taken up this year or when?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The route has not been finally fixed.

(b) Every attempt is being made to start the work this year itself.

Cherppu Rural Allopathic Dispensary.

510. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was the Cherppu rural allopathic dispensary closed;

(2) why was it closed;

(3) were there complaints from the public against the non-working of the dispensary

(4) if the answer to question (3) is in the affirmative, (a) the date of those petitions, (b) the copies of reply, if any, given to them;

(5) how many persons were served by that dispensary on an average per day before it was closed;

(6) did any qualified medical practitioner volunteer to work in the dispensary when it was closed;

(7) if the answer to question (6) is in the affirmative, why were his services not availed of;

(8) did the Government stop that dispensary for ever;

(9) if the answer to question (8) is in the negative, when do they intend to open it again?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) 11th Karkadagam 1103.

(2) The medical practitioner in charge was called to do plague duty.

(3) Yes, one petition was received.

(4) 19th Makaram 1104. No reply was given as arrangements had been made already to re-open the dispensary.

(5) Twenty.

(6) Yes.

(7) Because the permanent man was expected to rejoin immediately.

(8) No.

(9) The dispensary was re-opened on 29th Makaram 1104.

Nerangampara and Pothundi fuel coupes.

511. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether tenders were received by the Government for the extraction and removal of fuel, etc., in response to the notification on page 162, Part II of the Government Gazette, dated 27th Karkadagam 1103;

(b) what was done with the tenders, if any were received, who were the individuals who sent in tenders;

(c) was any petition received from one Muhammad Ibrahim Rowther of Palghat complaining of the short notice of the above notification and offering Rs. 2,100 for the fuel and Rs. 2 in excess of the Sirkar rate for the timber portion of the trees cut for fuel and also offering to take teak and black-wood timber standing in the area notified at Rs. 18 per candy; what was done with this petition and the offers contained therein;

(d) were tenders invited for the same purpose as per notification on page 40, Part II of the Government Gazette, dated 4th Thulam 1104;

(e) what was the reason for the 2nd notification;

(f) what was done with the tenders, if any were received;

(g) are these coupes now worked departmentally; if so, what was the reason for the same;

(h) when was the work commenced; how is it conducted and how far has the work progressed?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The tenders were all rejected. The names of the tenderers are:—

(1) V. K. Krishnan Nayar.
(2) R. Viswanathan Chetti.
(3) V. Kesavan Nayar.

(c) Yes. The rate offered by Muhammad Ibrahim Rowther for standing teak and black-wood was only Rs. 16 per candy and not Rs. 18 as stated in the question. It was decided to invite fresh tenders after giving wide publicity and sufficient time. The petitioner was also informed of it.

(d) Yes.

(e) Vide answer to sub-division (c) above.

(f) They were rejected.

(g) Yes; for their working on better lines.

(h) On 14th Thulam 1104. Permits for fuel are issued by departmental subordinates. Works are going on well.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to the answer given to sub-division (b), may I know why those tenders were rejected? Was it for the reason that the terms were not favourable?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—They were not favourable.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the maximum that was offered, I mean, the highest tender ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the reason for giving such short notice as is given here? I understand that the notice reached the place concerned, Nerangampara, only on the day on which the tenders have to be given.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It is not true.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—At the most it could have reached the place concerned only one day previous.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It is five days.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The Gazette notification itself was on the 29th of Mithunam and the tender was to reach the Conservator on the 30th Mithunam.

President.—Your present attitude is to say that the answer given is not correct. You are not entitled to do that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am only giving an information.

President.—Do not give any information. We do not want any information from you. You must always ask for information and not supply information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—If it is prohibited then I shall not give any information.

Then coming to the answer given to sub-division (f), may I know the reason, when for a second time tenders were called for, why they were again rejected ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Government thought they would work it departmentally.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the departmental working, did the Government expect any additional advantages ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The answer is there. 'Yes, for their working on better lines.'

512. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any petitions have been received this year by the Government from one Muhammad Ebrahim Rowther to the effect that between 2,000 and 3,000 teak and veetti trees lie felled in Pothundi and Nerangampara coupes;

(b) has not the petitioner offered Rs. 22 per candy for Pothundi, Rs. 21 per candy for Nerangampara timber;

(c) has he not also offered to purchase the talavarams of these at Rs. 8 a candy;

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